

2. AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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Lecturers, thirty-one.

REPORT.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Auckland University College Act, 1882, the Council has the honour to make the following report for the year 1937:—

Council.—Mr. T. U. Wells, who was elected President in 1935, resigned the Presidency, and his place was taken by Mr. H. J. D. Mahon, Mr. A. H. Johnstone, K.C., being elected Vice-President. Mr. D. M. Rae, Principal of the Training College, was elected in place of Mr. W. P. Endean by members of the General Assembly.

Staff.—There were no changes in the Professoriate, but Professor Sewell and Professor Rutherford were granted Sabbatical leave, the latter intending during his stay in England to pursue research into New Zealand history.

Mr. H. C. McQueen, Lecturer in Education, resigned in order to take up work under the New Zealand Council for Educational Research. His place was filled by the appointment of Mr. A. B. Thompson, formerly Vacation Course Lecturer.

In June, Mr. M. R. O'Shea, Registrar since 1922, resigned in order to take up appointment as General Secretary to the New Zealand Manufacturers' Association. Great appreciation was expressed by the Council of his initiative and executive ability in organizing the administration of the College and in putting the endowments on sound financial lines. Mr. L. O. Desborough was appointed to succeed him, Miss A. A. McLeod, Accountant, acting as Registrar in the interim.

During the year Mr. K. E. Bullen, Lecturer in Mathematics, received advice that he had been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge. Dr. Bullen, who recently held an exhibition at St. John's College, Cambridge, together with Dr. Harold Jeffreys, was engaged for two years on earthquake research, the result of which is embodied in the Jeffreys-Bullen tables now in use in observatories in different parts of the world and officially adopted by the International Seismological Association.

In December, Professor R. M. Algie resigned in order to become organizer for the Auckland Provincial Freedom Association. His resignation was received with great regret by staff and Council. His long service as Lecturer, and later, Professor of Law, won him the gratitude and high regard of many generations of students. As a member of the Professorial Board his colleagues recorded their appreciation of his influence in the Board's deliberations. In addition, he has represented the Board on the Council and on the Academic Board, thus making important contributions to the discussion of University problems.

Engineering.—In July, after a long period of uncertainty as to the fate of the School of Engineering, a letter was received from the Minister of Education stating that it had been resolved to retain the School, funds for the year having been placed on the estimates. Owing mainly to the efforts of Mr. S. I. Crookes a sum of £6,700 has been definitely promised as a permanent endowment fund for the school, and these contributions are to be capitalized.

Library.—The second year of the Carnegie grant has been a period of great expansion. A record number of accessions and borrowings are shown, while new ranges for books have had to be erected in the reading-room. A great improvement in lighting has been made by the addition of eight new powerful lights and the substitution of better globes in ten of the old lights.

Among donations were a splendid nucleus library of music-books (part of the Carnegie Music Set), collections of books by Mrs. P. Lindsay and Mr. J. Innes, and fifty-six volumes enabling us to complete an important official set.

Library staff successes are Miss J. Grey, Intermediate Library Association Examination; Miss A. MacMurray, Junior Library Association; Miss E. Evans, B.A., final section.

Workers' Educational Association.—Enrolments have totalled 1,417, as against 1,439 last year. Several of the city classes have again adopted a practical approach, notably in art, music, essay and story writing, and physical education. Some expansion occurred with the discussion-group method in country districts, and a beginning was made with the introduction of this into Public Works camps. Class-work has been supplemented increasingly by the activities of self-governing clubs, of which there are now five, covering the fields of natural history, drama, music, physical education, literature (junior group). Another spontaneous and self-governing innovation has been a monthly stencilled bulletin of news, comment, satire, and fiction. Trade-union support has increased from fifteen to nearly fifty affiliations. In addition to the renewed Government grant mentioned last year, a further £500 has been placed on the estimates, £250 of which is to be for special work in Public Works camps.